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Hurlock Historic District

The Hurlock Survey District is composed of 184 major. The majority of the resources are residential, with several churches and roughly a dozen commercial structures. Of the 184 resources, 129 contribute to the potential district; 65 do not contribute. Although a period of significance has yet to be identified, the district's resources date primarily to the late-nineteenth century and the early-twentieth century. A number of contributing commercial and residential structures date from the 1910's through 1950. There are only a handful of resources from the latter half of the twentieth century. Most of the contributing resources retain an high level of integrity, despite the widespread use of vinyl and aluminum siding.

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HURLOCK

HURLOCK, incorporated in 1892, ranks as the second largest town in Dorchester County. It began from a Dorchester/Delaware Railroad station built in 1867. In 1869 John Martin Hurlock, on whose land the station was erected and after whom the Town was named, built a grocery store at the railroad crossing. In 1871 Mr. Hurlock built his residence.

In 1884 a second residence, the Washington Methodist Parsonage, was built, and by 1887 five new homes and a hotel were constructed. In 1888 the Washington Church (now Unity-Washington United Methodist Church) was moved into the growing settlement from its original building site where it had stood for 75 years. At this same time the Post Office was moved into the town from Harrison Ferry, and the mill was moved from Williamsburg.

Hurlock's growth was greatly influenced by the construction of a second railroad, the Baltimore, Chesapeake, and Atlantic in 1890. This railroad conveyed passengers from the Love Point Ferry out of Baltimore to Ocean City. Since 1890 Hurlock's population has grown from 400 to 1,681 people today. In 1898 the "Hurlock Advance", a newspaper, began. In 1900 the Hurlock Free Library was established. Both enterprises were founded by W. R. Walworth. In 1901 Hurlock had its own bucket and ladder brigade, which was incorporated in 1924 as the Hurlock Volunteer Fire Company.

In the early 1900's several businesses began in Hurlock. In 1903 Carl Bradley moved his blacksmith shop from Linchester and along with his son, Leland, expanded into the sale of carriages, the embalming and undertaking business, a hardware store, a livery stable, a garage and a water company for the new town. In this same era, William Henry Neal, along with his two sons, A. Victor and Swain Orvalee (Lee), moved into town and established the second largest canning business on the Shore. The operation, known as the Eastern Shore Can Company, contained 14 plants at one time. In 1929 the business was sold to the Continental Can Company. Joseph B. Andrews and his son Elwood, built a cannery for peeled tomatoes and tomato products and in 1922 sold the business to the American Stores Company. The Thompson family operated a sawmill which provided the lumber for many of the houses constructed in the early 1900's. In later years the sawmill enlarged its operation to include a box factory, which produced the materials for crates and canned goods cartons.

Centered in one of the best agricultural areas of Dorchester County, Hurlock's farming and farm related businesses were and are the main industry. The Hurlock vicinity is said to have the greatest concentration of irrigation systems for any region. These produce such crops as soybeans, barley, corn, wheat, cucumbers for pickling, tomatoes for processing, plus fresh market produce. Bayshore Foods constructed a poultry processing, hatchery and feed mill complex in the 1970's. The complex has subsequently been sold to Country Pride, a division of Imperial Foods, Ltd.

Throughout the years, businesses established included a wholesale baker, a milk creamery, a milk cooling station, a machine shop, a new Medical Center in 1960, which was dedicated by Governor Millard Tawes, and a new Post Office in 1967.

Since the beginning, some of these establishments have either left the area or been swallowed up by today's larger companies, but we can be proud of the heritage they left behind. With our good foundation and location our growth will continue.

D-653 Hurlock Nineteenth and twentieth centuries Public and private

The origin of the town of Hurlock is associated with the laying of the Dorchester & Delaware Railroad between Seaford and Cambridge in 1867-68 as well as the entrepreneurial skills and drive of John Martin Hurlock and his wife Celia, who negotiated the sale of part of their farm to the railroad company in exchange for a store to be built on the lot for his own business in addition to the timber harvested from the property. Also, in exchange for the right-of-way and depot ground, John Martin Hurlock was promised that he could enlarge his store house as required and that he could serve as well as the railroad agent at the depot, provided that he attended to the railroad company's business properly. "Hurlock's Station" as it was known in its earliest years, was located on the border of the East New Market and Williamsburg election districts along the road that connected Harrison's Ferry crossing of the North West fork of the Nanticoke and Waddell's Corner, where the road turned northeast to head towards the crossroads village of New Hope on the Dorchester/County county border.

The first decade of Hurlock's Station's history followed a slow path of development and commerce associated with the efforts of John Martin Hurlock and his family. By the time that Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson published their atlas maps of the Eastern Shore counties in 1877, Hurlock's Station comprised little more than a depot, store, and a dwelling or two. During the summer months, "Hurlock's Camp Ground" was a designated location for Methodist camp meetings. When the *Maryland Directory*,

a compilation of commercial enterprises across the state, was published in 1878, the village, populated with 20 individuals, was summarized in a short description:

HURLOCK is pleasantly situated on the D. & D. R. R. 16 miles from Cambridge. Climate mild and healthy. Land medium; sells at from \$10 to \$25 per acre; produces fair crops of wheat, corn, oats, hay and potatoes. Churches and schools near. Population 20, J. M. Hurlock, Postmaster.

John M. Hurlock was identified as the "miller" and James M. Hurlock was the proprietor of the general store. Elisha Harper was identified a carpenter, James E. Sellers, a "huckster," and F. L. Thomas, an agent selling sewing machines.

Six years later, in 1884, the population of Hurlock had risen to fifty according to R. L. Polk's business directory. In 1883, the Dorchester & Delaware had become the Cambridge & Seaford Railroad, a branch line under the larger Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad. However, the most significant economic stimulus for Hurlock and the region overall, came at the end of the decade with the construction of the Baltimore & Eastern Shore Railroad between Claiborne, in Talbot County, and Ocean City, a project which spanned the years between 1886 and 1890. When the charter for the railroad was executed in 1886, a spurt of construction activity in the town included the erection of a host of new houses around 1887, including the dwellings for T. W. Noble, Henry Sinclair, B. F. Carroll, Thomas I. Wright, and Thos. Hackett. The completion of the Baltimore & Eastern Shore Railroad in 1890, and the potential commercial trade associated with it, surely convinced James A. Dean to finance construction of the threestory frame structure known as the Glen Oak Hotel on the triangular lot bordered by North Main and Academy streets. Another pivotal event of the 1880s was the relocation of the Washington Methodist Church into the village from its original site northwest of

the town. In 1888 the congregation voted to move their sizable 1858 structure to the corner of North Main and Oak streets. In October 1888, a Methodist Protestant congregation was established in the village under the pastorship of Reverend R. S. Williamson. The Unity M. P. Church, as asymmetrical Gothic Revival frame structure, was erected around 1890.

By the early 1890s Hurlock had developed to the point where it required incorporation with a board of commissioners to function on behalf of the residents, particularly when issues arose concerning municipal problems and necessities. Hurlock was incorporated formally in 1892. With the completion of the Baltimore & Eastern Shore Railroad to Vienna by 1890 and to Salisbury by that October, the new line of transportation, coupled with the Cambridge and Seaford branch line of the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad, spurred investment and enterprise. Various commercial and industrial concerns located along the right-of-ways. During the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Hurlock was home to a host of vegetable and fruit canning operations; one of the first was one of the longest in operation. The firm of Joseph B. Andrews and Company opened in 1891, and in 1921, became the American Stores Cannery, which remained in operation until 1983. There were a dozen other firms, some very short-lived while others proved an ability to last decades. W. H. Neal & Son opened a vegetable canning business in 1919 that lasted until 1939. An as attendant industry, W. H. Neal started a tin can manufacturing business, which was listed in the Maryland State Gazetteer and Business Directory of 1909-11. W. H. Neal's can factory was sold eventually to the Continental Can Company, which operated in Hurlock into the late twentieth century.

R. L. Polk's 1909-11 business directory also lists an impressive assortment of manufacturing and service ventures for the small town, which had grown to 500 residents. In addition to J. B. Andrews & Co. there were three other canners in Hurlock, P. S. Messick, Wright & Carter, and O. R. Wright & Bro. John Martin Hurlock still operated the mill, while W. E. Hurlock is listed as the proprietor of a general store. The Hurlock's store competed with eleven other similar establishments within the town boundaries, which were pushing outward with new construction, principally along North and South Main and its many cross streets. The town had its own newspaper, the *Hurlock Advance*, which began around the turn of the twentieth century and continued after 1923 as the *Upper Dorchester News*.

There carpenters and two masons were at work in Hurlock, erecting stylish

Victorian houses of varying shapes and decorated with turned spindles and posts or

Colonial Revival columns and moldings that became popular around the turn of the

century. Aiding in the construction of new houses was a town bank, a branch of the

Eastern Shore Trust Company, which had bought in receivership the holdings of the

Farmers Bank of Dorchester County in late 1901. Around 1905, the Eastern Shore Trust

Company financed construction of a Colonial Revival bank building on the corner of

North Main and Broad streets. New houses and churches were rising along Main Street

and a host of side streets. A Baptist congregation was established in 1915 and it

financed the construction of a large rock-faced, concrete block church along South Main

Street. The large cross-shaped Baptist church, with its elevated foundation and three
story entrance and bell tower, was an impressive construction project utilizing a relatively

new building material, rock-faced concrete blocks that were shipped to Hurlock from afar

on board one of the railroads. An Episcopal congregation formed sometime around 1909, but it was not until 1926 that ground was broken for St. Andrew's Episcopal Mission under the leadership of Reverend William McClelland. Several other congregations formed in Hurlock during the early twentieth century, and they relocated buildings or erected new structures as the town's population gradually increased and its commercial and economic dominance in northeastern Dorchester County was clear.

Hurlock's municipal concerns during the early twentieth century centered on reliable sources of water and electricity among other issues. In 1908 a franchise was granted to W. C. Bradley for a town water system and in the same year electric current was provided to town residents by the Idlewild Electric Light and Power Company of Caroline County. Within the following year, electric street lights were purchased for the town. A town fire department was established during the early twentieth century, and in 1923, the commissioners acquired a modern fire truck. The town commissioners also implemented the town's first sewer system in 1934 with a construction contract awarded to George Lynch and Company for over \$50,000. During the 1930s, the population of Hurlock leveled off around 1,000 residents, which remained fairly constant through the mid twentieth century. Since the 1960s, the town's population has risen to its present level of 1,800 residents.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The town of Hurlock is the second largest municipality in Dorchester County. Located in the northeastern section of the county in the center of the Hurlock election district, the town is laid out on a rough grid plan around the intersection of MD Routes 392 and 307 and 331. The grid plan of streets is intersected by two railroad right-of-ways, the north-south route being the former Baltimore & Eastern Shore (later Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic) Railroad and the east-west line, originally the Dorchester & Delaware Railroad, later the Cambridge and Seaford branch of the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad. The stock of historic structures in the town date from the 1880s through the 1950s, and there are approximately 225 contributing resources that constitute the district. The central commercial district is defined by a collection of late nineteenth and early twentieth century structures including several two-story frame store buildings, a brick bank and two railroad stations, one original to its site at the east end of the town and a second one, the former Williamsburg Passenger Station, which was moved to its present site along the former right-of-way of Dorchester & Delaware Railroad in the early 1990s. The district retains a high degree of architectural and historical integrity that warrants listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The town of Hurlock, originally Hurlock's Station, is located in northeastern Dorchester County, Maryland at the intersections of MD Routes 392, 331, and 307 in the center of the Hurlock election district. Second only to Cambridge in population (1,874, 2000 U.S. Census), the town is spread over a grid of streets that intersect the principal town avenues, North and South Main streets, Broad Street, Mill Street, etc. The right-of- ways of the former Dorchester and Delaware Railroad (later Cambridge and Seaford) and the Baltimore and Eastern Shore Railroad (later the Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic Railroad) intersect on the eastern side of the town, where there is a remnant district of commercial and industrial structures. The Dorchester and Delaware line, the first built across the northern section of the county, was completed between Cambridge and Seaford in 1869. The second rail line, the Baltimore and Eastern Shore Railroad was completed between Claiborne (in Talbot County) and Vienna by July 1890, which infused the town with a significant economic stimulus that propelled its growth far beyond the surrounding villages that claimed a much older history.

The historic resources that define Hurlock consists of approximately two-hundred-and-twenty-five (225) structures erected between 1880 and 1950, and the largest percentage of these date between 1890 and 1930 when the town experienced its most prosperous period. Principal among the historic structures that stand in the town include the Unity-Washington United Methodist Church (D-610), a mid to late nineteenth century structure relocated from its original rural site to the village in 1888. One section of the church, erected in 1858, is clearly the oldest structure in the town. Just north of the Unity-Washington Church is the Glen Oak Hotel (D-609), a late nineteenth-century three-story frame structure erected around 1890 in the fork of the road bounded by North Main and Academy streets. The central

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business district is defined by a small collection of historic commercial structures, principally the W. C. Bradley & Son Hardware Store (D-339), built around 1910, and the old Eastern Shore Trust Company building (D-748) erected on the corner of North Main and Broad Street around 1905. Other structures of singular importance include the old B.C. & A. freight station (D-646) and the former Williamsburg passenger station (D-749) that now serves the town of Hurlock as a representation of the community's railroad history past.

The historic building stock of Hurlock includes a range of late nineteenth and early-to mid-twentieth century building types. Most common to the late nineteenth century are dozens of two-story, three-bay, single-pile frame houses with a center cross gables pierced with pointed arch window. Supported on low brick foundations, the exteriors are clad with a variety of materials including plan weatherboards, wood shingles, asbestos shingles, aluminum or vinyl siding. Standing at 305 South Main Street is the Joseph B. Andrews house, a two-and-a-half story, three-bay cross-gabled dwelling featuring a projecting center pavilion and a cross-gabled single-story turned post porch. The gable ends are pierced by the characteristic pointed arch window. A pair of narrow brick stove chimneys pierce the roofline on each side of the center hall. Many of the two-a-half story three- or five-bay houses have center hall/single pile plans with a rear service wing, however some smaller versions have a side hall/parlor plan and were designed with a gable front facing the street.

There are numerous versions of the asymmetrically planned ell- or tee-shaped frame dwellings from the period 1890-1910. All are of frame construction. The ell- or tee-shaped frame dwellings with asymmetrical plans also feature in most instances a projecting bay window of one or two stories, and decorative turned post porches. Narrow brick stove chimneys pierce the roofline in most cases. Many houses along North and South Main streets retain intact exteriors of late nineteenth century Victorian decoration. The Greensburg T. Bell house at 304 South Main Street is a two-story turn of the twentieth century frame dwelling with a projecting three-sided pavilion and decorative turned post porches on three sides.

Scattered in various places in Hurlock are a few elaborately planned and crafted Queen Anne style houses with intricate late nineteenth or early twentieth century exterior and interior finishes. The W. C. Bradley house (D-340), built in 1908-09 on the corner of North Main and Broad streets, is one of the most elaborate Queen Anne inspired dwellings with a very well preserved exterior of early twentieth century Victorian finishes, and it features the characteristic three-story tower and wide variety of surface decoration. Covered by a generously sized hip roof, the squarish main block is extended on the front and side elevations by projecting gables and bays. Situated on a prominent corner of North Main and Broad Street, the expansive early twentieth century frame dwelling is distinguished by a sizable wraparound neoclassical porch of paired Tuscan columns resting on brick piers. Another of the more

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intricate Queen Anne dwellings is the Myra A. Melson house at 300 South Main Street. The two-and-a-half-story frame structure has a modified pyramidal shaped roof that is pierced by the centrally positioned brick stove chimney that rises through the top of it. Extending from the pyramidal roof are various two-story gable roofed pavilions. A decorative turned post porch stretches across the front of the house and around to the side where it is partially enclosed.

The early twentieth century ushered in a host of new building forms and styles that were common across Dorchester County as well as the nation. Paired down versions of the two-story pyramidal roofed dwelling, known in architectural terminology as the American foursquare house, gained widespread acceptance on the lower Eastern Shore and numerous examples are interspersed on town streets among earlier Victorian dwellings and contemporaneous ones that were erected during the first decade of the twentieth century. More often than not, the early twentieth foursquare and Victorian pyramidal roofed dwellings were fitted the Colonial Revival detailing, particularly in the construction of the front porch interior woodwork. Alongside many of these two-story frame dwellings are single-story or story-and-a-half bungalow style dwellings that followed national models that were published in trade journals and popular literature. The bungalow house usually incorporates an engaged porch supported by tapered posts or columns. The eave is often embellished with stick type brackets that represent an interest Craftsman style decoration that is related to the Arts and Crafts aesthetic movement of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. There is a large number of bungalow style houses that define the streets of Hurlock. Some of these dwellings were surely shipped to town via the regional railroad network since company's like Sears & Roebuck sold entire house kits that were transported over land for assemblage on site.

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SUMMARY SIGNIFICANCE

The town of Hurlock is historically and architecturally significant for its associations with the development of the railroad in Dorchester County as it relates to the economic and commercial stimuli that it provided for the growth of the second largest town in the county; beginning in 1867-68 as one of many stations on the Dorchester and Delaware Branch of the Delaware Railroad. The buildings that define the town of Hurlock, which constitute a potential National Register historic district, reflect the principal trends in American architectural design and construction representative of the late nineteenth century and first half of the twentieth century. A large percentage of the buildings retain a high degree of historic integrity that easily conveys the period in which the individual structures were erected.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The origin of the town of Hurlock is associated with the laying of the Dorchester and Delaware Railroad between Seaford and Cambridge in 1867-68 as well as the entrepreneurial skills and drive of John Martin Hurlock and his wife Celia, who negotiated the sale of part of their land to the railroad company in exchange for a store to be built on the lot for his own business in addition to the cut timber harvested from the property. Also, in exchange for the right-of-way and depot ground, John Martin Hurlock was promised that he could enlarge his store house as required and that he serve as well as the railroad agent at the depot, provided that he attended to the railroad company's business properly. Hurlock's Station as it was known in its earliest years, was located on the border of East New Market and Williamsburg election districts along the road that connected the Harrison's ferry crossing of the North West fork of the Nanticoke and Waddell's Corner, where the road turned northeast to head towards the crossroads village of New Hope on the Dorchester/Caroline county border.

The first decade of Hurlock Station's history followed a slow path of development and commerce associated with the efforts of John Martin Hurlock and his family. By the time Lake, Griffing, and

Dorchester County Land Record, FJH 8/42, 6 August 1870, Dorchester County Courthouse.

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Stevenson published their atlas of the Eastern Shore counties in 1877, Hurlock's Station comprised little more than the depot, store, and a dwelling or two. During the summer months, "Hurlock's Camp Ground" was a designated location for Methodist camp meetings. When the *Maryland Directory*, a compilation of commercial enterprises across the state, was published in 1878, the village, populated with 20 individuals, was summarized in a short description

HURLOCK is pleasantly situated on the D. & D. R.R. 16 miles from Cambridge. Climate mild and healthy. Land medium; sells at from \$10 to \$25 per acre; produces fair crops of wheat, corn, oats, hay and potatoes. Churches and school near. Population 20, J. M. Hurlock, Postmaster.³

John M. Hurlock was identified as the "miller" and James M. Hurlock was the proprietor of the general store. Elisha Harper was identified a carpenter, James E. Sellers, a "huckster" and F. L.Thomas, an agent selling sewing machines.

Six years later, in 1884, the population of Hurlock had risen to fifty according to R. L. Polk's business directory. In 1883, the Dorchester & Delaware had become the Cambridge and Seaford Railroad, a branch line under the larger Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad. However, the most significant economic stimulus for Hurlock and the region overall, came at the end of the decade with the construction of the Baltimore & Eastern Shore Railroad between Claiborne, in Talbot County, and Ocean City, built between 1886 to 1890. When the charter for the railroad was executed in 1886, a spurt of construction activity in the town included the erection of a host of new houses around 1887, including dwellings for T.W. Noble, Henry Sinclair, B. F. Carroll, Thos. I. Wright, and Thos. Hackett. The completion of the Baltimore & Eastern Shore Railroad in 1890, and the potential commercial trade associated with it, surely convinced James A. Dean to finance the construction of the three-story frame structure known as the Glen Oak Hotel in the triangular lot of land bordered by North Main and Academy streets. Another pivotal event of the 1880s was the relocation of the Washington Methodist Church into the village from its original site northwest of Hurlock. In 1888 the congregation voted to move their sizable 1858 structure to the corner of North Main and Oak streets. In October 1888, a Methodist Protestant congregation was established in the village under the pastorship of Reverend R. S.

³ The Maryland Directory, J. Frank Lewis & Co., Baltimore, 1878, p. 253.

² John L. Graham, *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, Wicomico County Bicentennial Committee, 1976, p. 67 and p. 82.

⁴ Delaware, Maryland, and West Virginia State Gazetteer and Business Directory, Vol. 1, Baltimore: R. L. Polk & Co., 1884, p. 592.

Elias Jones, *New Revised History of Dorchester County, Maryland*. Centreville, Maryland: Tidewater Publishers, 1966, p. 94. (Original manuscript was published in 1902, thereby reflecting the familiarity the author had with events that occurred in the decades of the late nineteenth century.)

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Williamson. The Unity M. P. Church, an asymmetrical Gothic Revival frame structure, was erected around 1890.

By the early 1890s Hurlock had developed to the point where it required incorporation with a board of commissioners to function on behalf of the residents, particularly when issues arose concerning municipal problems and necessities. Hurlock was incorporated formally in 1892. With the completion of the Baltimore and Eastern Shore Railroad to Vienna by July 1890 and to Salisbury by that October, the new line of transportation coupled with the Cambridge and Seaford branch line of the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad, spurred the establishment of various industries and commercial ventures along the two right-of-ways. During the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Hurlock was home to a host of vegetable and fruit canning operations; one of the first was one of the longest in operation. The firm of Joseph B. Andrews and Company opened in 1891, and in 1921 became the American Stores Cannery, which remained in operation until 1983. There were a dozen other firms, some very short-lived while others proved an ability to last several decades. W. H. Neal & Son opened a vegetable canning business in 1919 that lasted until 1939. As an attendant industry W. H. Neal started a tin can manufacturing business, which was listed in the Maryland State Gazetteer and Business Directory of 1909-11. W. H. Neal's can factory was sold eventually to the Continental Can Company, which operated in Hurlock into the late twentieth century.

R. L. Polk's 1909-11 business directory also lists an impressive assortment of manufacturing and service ventures for the small town, which had grown to 500 residents. In addition to J. B. Andrews & Co. there were three other canners in Hurlock, P. S. Messick, Wright & Carter, and O. R. Wright & Bro. John Martin Hurlock still operated the mill, while W. E. Hurlock is listed as the proprietor of a general store. The Hurlock's store competed with eleven other similar establishments within the town boundaries, which were pushing outward with new construction, principally along North and South Main streets. The town had its own newspaper, the *Hurlock Advance*, begun around the turn of the century and continuing after 1923 as the *Upper Dorchester News*.

Three carpenters and two masons were at work in Hurlock, erecting stylish Victorian houses of varying shapes and decorated with turned spindles and posts or Colonial Revival columns and moldings that became nationally popular after the turn of the twentieth century. Aiding in the construction of new houses was a town bank, a branch of the Eastern Shore Trust Company, which had bought in

⁶ R. Lee Burton, Jr. Canneries of the Eastern Shore. Centreville, MD: Tidewater Publishers, Inc, 1986, pp. 79-95.

⁷ R. L. Polk & Co.'s 1909-10-11 Maryland State Gazetteer and Business Directory, Baltimore: R. L. Polk & Co., pp. 1027-28.
⁸ Op cit., p. 83.

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¹⁰ Dickson J. Preston, *Newspapers of the Maryland's Eastern Shore*, Queenstown and Centreville: The Queen Anne Press and Tidewater Publishers, 1986, p. 220.

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receivership the holdings of the Farmers Bank of Dorchester County in late 1901. Around 1905 the Eastern Shore Trust Company financed the construction of a Colonial Revival bank building on the corner of North Main and Broad Streets. New houses and churches were rising along Main Street and several side streets. A Baptist congregation was established in 1915 and financed the construction of a large rock-faced, concrete block church along South Main Street. The large cross-shaped Baptist church with its elevated foundation and three-story entrance and bell tower was an impressive construction project utilizing a relatively new material, rock-faced concrete blocks that were shipped to Hurlock from afar on board one of the railroads. An Episcopal congregation formed sometime around 1909, but it was not until 1926 that ground was broken for St. Andrews Episcopal Mission under the leadership of Reverend William McClelland. Several other congregations formed in Hurlock during the early twentieth century and relocated buildings or erected new structures as the town's population gradually increased and its commercial and economic dominance in northeastern Dorchester County was clear.

Hurlock's municipal concerns during the early twentieth century centered on reliable sources of water and electricity. In 1908 a franchise was granted to W. C. Bradley for a town water system and in the same year electric current was provided to town residents by the Idlewild Electric Light and Power Company of Caroline County. Within the following year electric street lights were purchased for the town. A town fire department was established during the early twentieth century, and in 1923 the commissioners acquired a modern fire truck. The town commissioners also implemented the town's first sewer system in 1934 with a construction awarded to George Lynch and Company for over \$50,000. During the 1930s, the population of Hurlock leveled off around 1,000 residents, which remained fairly constant throughout the mid twentieth century. Since the 1960s the town's population has risen to its present level of 1,800 residents.

¹¹ William R. Wheatley, History of Hurlock, 1892-1992, p. 18.

¹² Ibid, p. 6.

¹³ Ibid, p. 7.

¹⁴ Ibid, p. 7.

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John Martin Hurlock and Celia Hurlock his wife

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Dorchester & Delaware Railroad

Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of one dollar. We the said John Martin Hurlock and Celia Hurlock (after receiving to ourselves the house built for a store house, and the timber and wood now standing on the land hereafter to be named) do grant unto The Dorchester & Delaware Rail Road Company, All the privileges, benefits and advantages which may be necessary for the use of said road so long it may be used as a Rail Road way, All that part of the tract or tracts of land owned by us, situated in the County aforesaid, and near the road which is the divisional line between Stephen Andrews and us, John Martin Hurlock and Celia Hurlock, and lying on each side of the road way of the Dorchester and Delaware Rail Road, said road way having been previously deeded to the said Rail Road Company by us, and being of the uniform width of sixty-six (66) feet, the said tract being for the purpose of a depot ground for the said Company, and beginning twenty feet South West of the divisional road and running parallel with the center line of said Rail Road one thousand feet on said center line. The same being a strip ninetytwo (92) feet wide on the Easterly side of road way, the two strips with the road way being two hundred and twenty five (225) feet in width and one thousand feet in length on the center line. where is passes through the said lands containing for the Depot Ground hereby conveyed, three acres, two roods, and twenty one and fifty-four hundredths perches, be the same more or less. The said Hurlock is to have the privilege of enlarging his store house and is to be appointed agent for Hurlock's Station, Provided he attend to the business properly.

The Maryland Directory, J. Frank Lewis & Co., Baltimore, 1878, p. 253.

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Thomas, F L

Sellers, Jas. E.

Carpentry

Miller

Harper, Elisha

Hurlock, John M.

General Merchandise

Hurlock, James M.

Delaware, Maryland, and West Virginia State Gazetteer and Business Directory, 1884, Vol. 1., Baltimore: R. L. Polk & Co., p. 592.

HURLOCK. Located on the C. & S. R. R. in Dorchester county, is a small hamlet 16 miles east of Cambridge c[ourt] h[ouse], the banking town. Population 50. S S Andrews, postmaster

Carroll, B F., general store Harper, Elisha, carpenter Harper, George W., carpenter Martin Wright, saw mill Noble & Son, saw mill

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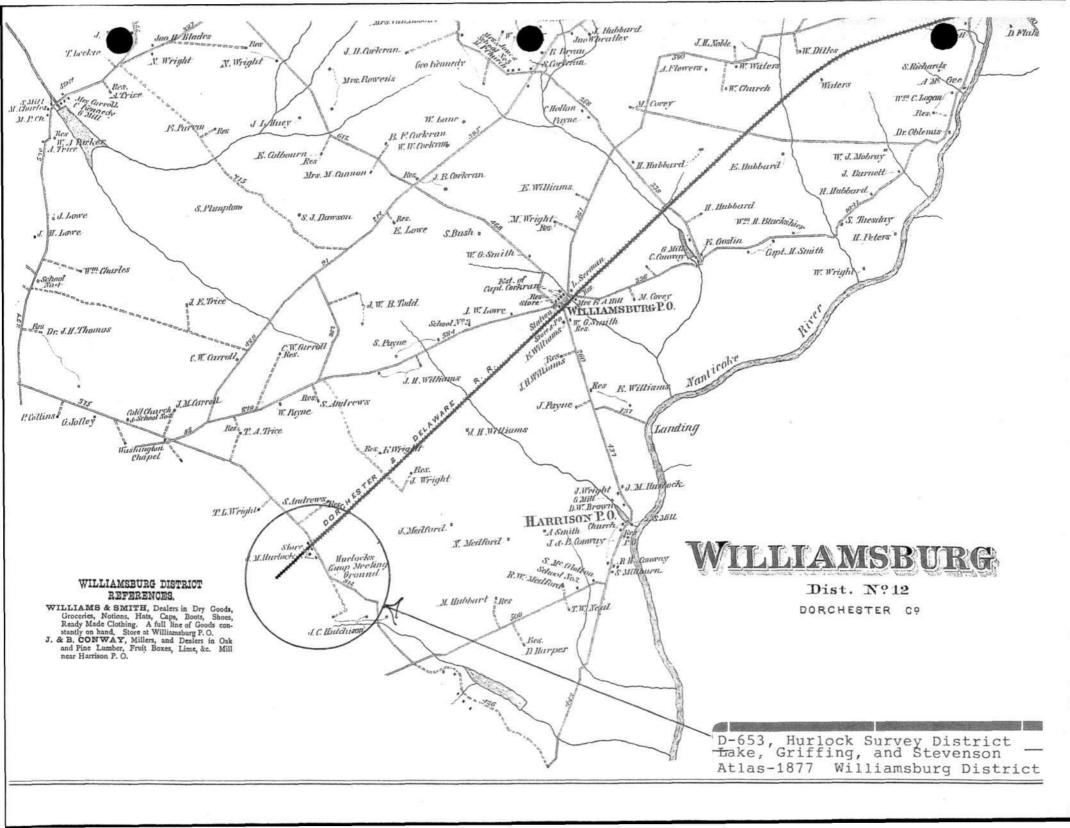
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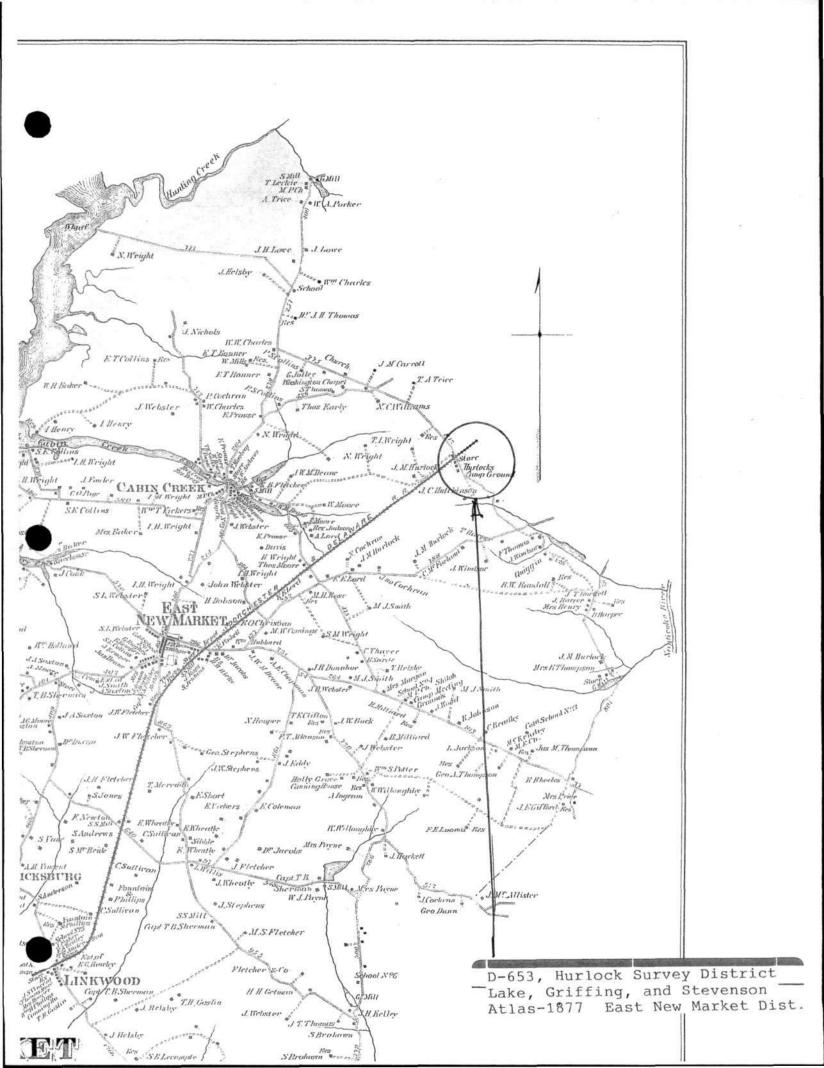
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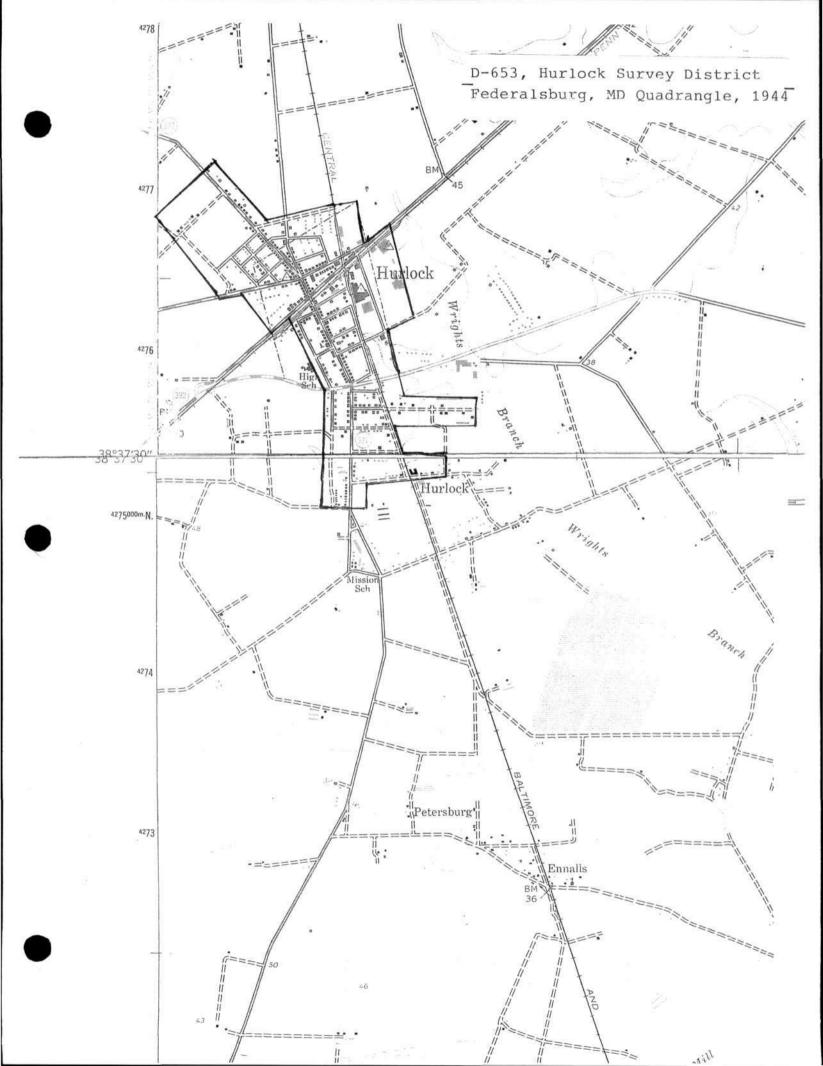
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Hurlock is the only railroad town in Dorchester County. It is built where two railroad lines intersect and portions along the railroads have industrial and commercial establishments. The oldest houses in town seem to be built along Md. Rt. 331, Main Street.

At the intersection of Rt. 331 with north Main Street is an interesting late 19th century frame hotel called the Glen Oak Hotel. A little south of the hotel is the home of Col. and Mrs. Walter V. Nichols, built in 1909 by one of Hurlocks most successful merchants, W. C. Bradley. Behind this house, where the present supermarket is located was the Bradley garage and across the street from there is the Bradley Hardware Store. The latter still stands and is in a good state of preservation.

Other plainer houses of the late 19th and early 20th

centuries line the streets of Hurlock.

Most of the houses have the common joinery and turning of the turn-of-the-century, though each house differs in its treatment of the porches, gables, turrets, and pediments. The houses have several plans, including the 'T' plan, 'L' plan, square plan. Some have tower projections, many have bay windows, where the first and second stories of the gable are three-sided beneath a gable with "ginger-bread."

Unity Washington Methodist Church was formerly a Greek Revival style structure built in weatherboard. It has been faced with brick to the detriment to some of its detail. The Maryland National Bank, formerly the Eastern Shore Trust Company, is a handsome Colonial Revival brick building now painted white. Although it has been greatly altered over the years, it is a handsome building in the town.

Near the railroad are several commercial establishments which vary from frame to concrete block. These structures are relatively simple whereas the houses have more

ornamentation.

Hurlock library was constructed as a school in 1898

and became a library in the 1940's.

Farther south are the St. Andrews Episcopal Church, a shingle building constructed in 1926 for the parish house and still in use for services. A large concrete block church with Romanesque detail houses the First Baptist Church. It was built in 1915, soon after block became a viable building product. Wesleyan Church is a simple chapel like several of the country houses of worship in Dorchester.

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Architecturally, Hurlock represents both the stylish and the vernacular, the stylish in the Bradley House of the Queen Anne style and the decorative quality of the plainer buildings. The variety in house plans shows a break in the vernacular tradition. The dwellings are becoming more planned and the simpler forms are lost, except as extensions to the larger houses, or are still to be seen on the side streets.

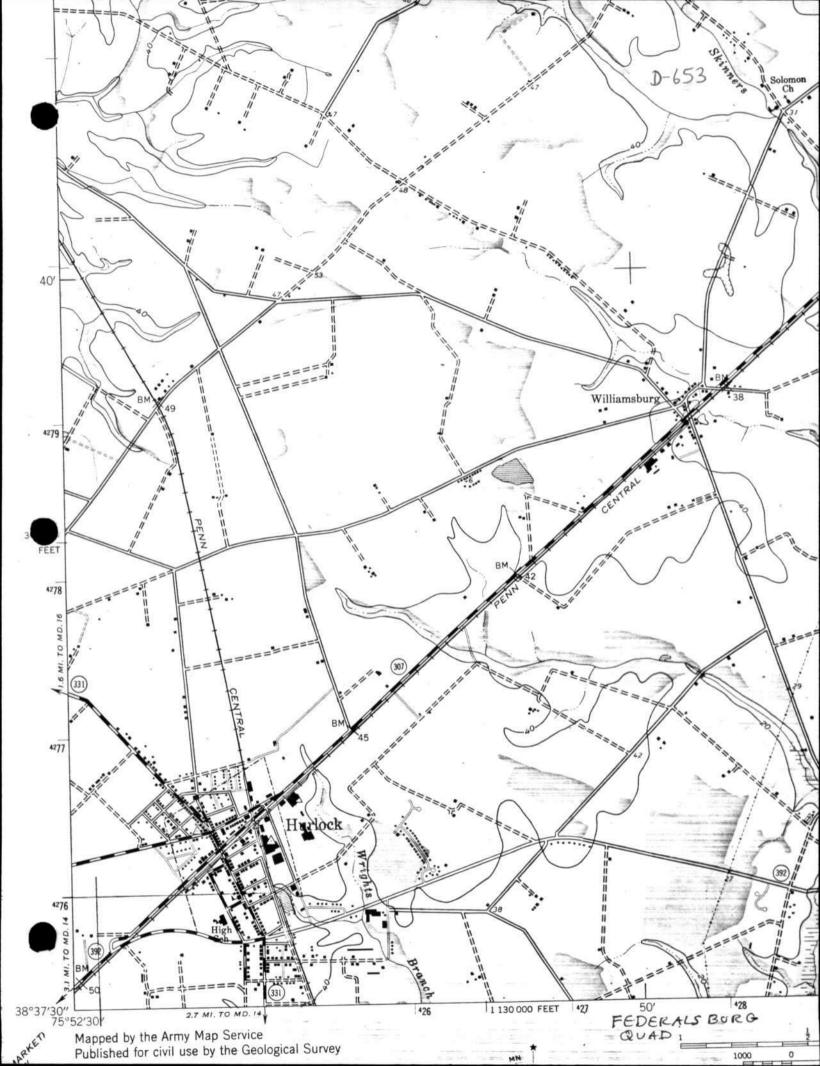
Hurlock's houses are associated with the businesses which line the railroad. Greenbury T. Bell was the miller who built a house on Main Street. State Senator Joseph Andrews had a house on Main Street and a canning business on the edge of town.

Hurlock may have the unique and cohesive qualities which would make it or a portion thereof a nomination for National Register.

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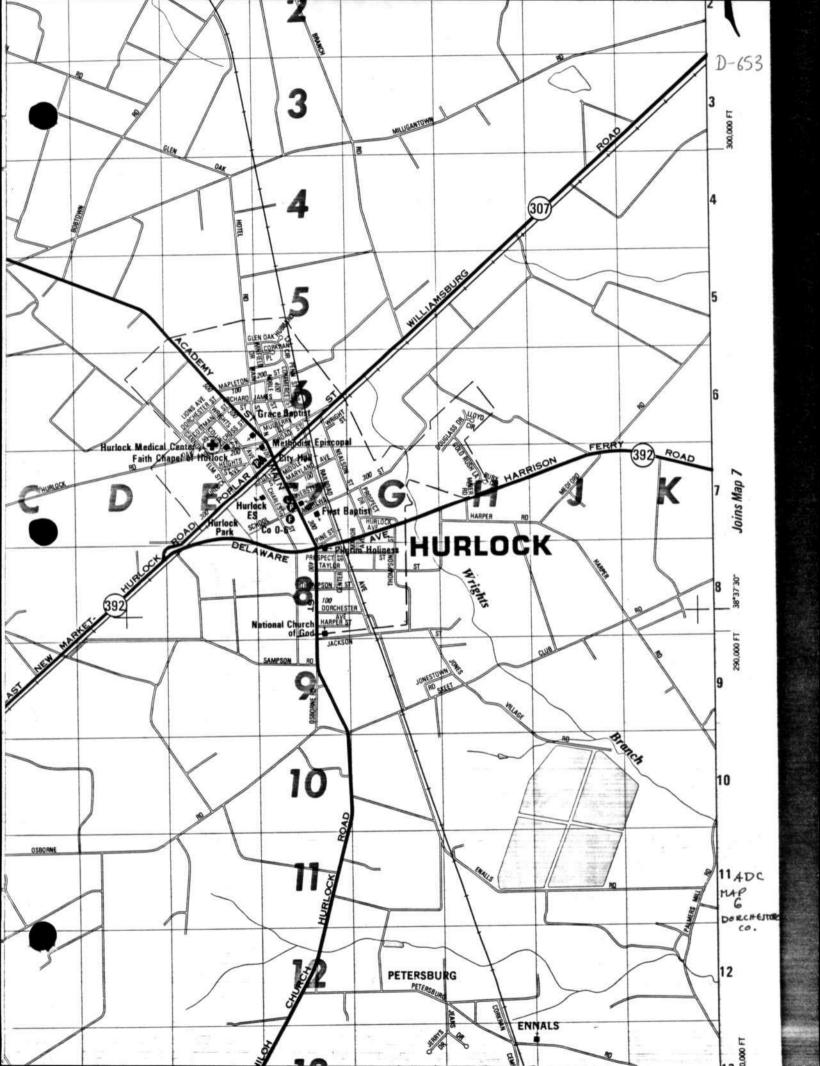
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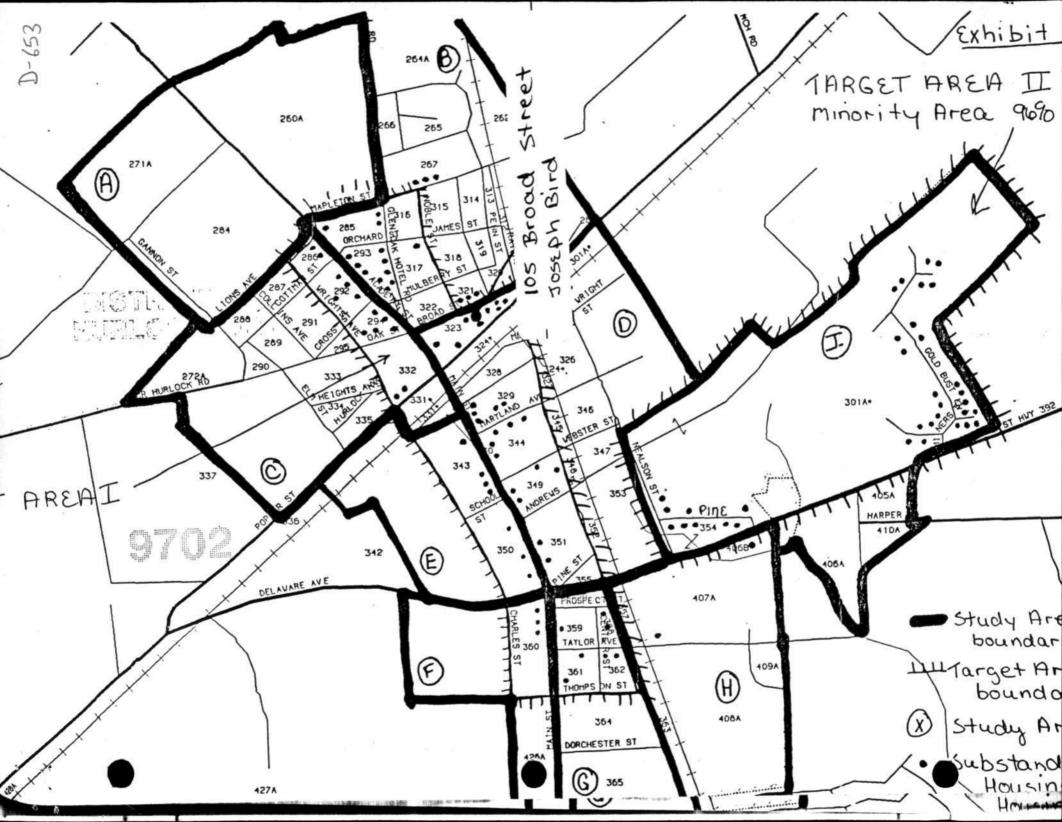


CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE D-653 HW lock HD MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: 105 Broad Street	Survey Number: DO-
Property Address: 105 Broad Street, Hurlock	
Project: CDBG	Agency:
Site visit by MHT Staff: N no yes Name	Date
District Name: <u>Hurlock Historic District</u> Surv	ey Number: D-653
Listed X_ Eligible	Comment
Criteria:AB <u>X</u> CD Considerations:A	_BCDEFGNone
The resource \underline{X} contributes/ $\underline{\hspace{0.5cm}}$ does not contribute to historic district in: $\underline{\hspace{0.5cm}}$ $\underline{\hspace{0.5cm}}$ Design $\underline{\hspace{0.5cm}}$ X Setting	
X Workmanship X Feeling X Associa	tion
Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if	necessary and attach map)
Based upon the photographs presented to The Maryland Historic Street is located within proposed boundaries for the Mistoric District. The late 19th-century dwelling is destyle of architecture and features characteristic Victoria asymmetrical in plan and is covered with an irregular asymmetrical section of the street of the section of	Mational Register-eligible Hurlock esigned in a vernacular Queen Anne an massing and detailing. The house roofline with projecting chimneys ned columns and scroll-saw corner tions such as asbestos siding, the d example of vernacular Queen Anne
Documentation on the property is presented in: Review and	Compliance Files
Prepared by: Ms. Josie Hamblin	
Jo Ellen Freese Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services 8/22/	1994 Date
NR program concurrence: yes no not applied rec	able 'd 2/8/96 rurwel 2/13/96 Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC	PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT				
Geographic Region:					
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	egany, Garrett and Washington)				
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II. Prehistoric Period Themes:	IV. Historic Period Themes:				
Demographic Religion Technology	Agriculture Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning Economic (Commercial and Industrial) Government/Law Military Religion Social/Educational/Cultural Transportation				
Resource Type:					
Category: Building					
Historic Environment: <u>Village</u>					
Historic Function(s) and Use(s): \underline{I}	Domestic/Single Dwelling				
					





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